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several small details left Prenzlau for Templin in

1. late January 1954.

2. Between 10 and 20 February, training in the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse (4741), Prenzlau, and the new training area southwest of the installation was less intensive than in January. About 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were daily observed in simulated attacks at squad and platoon level. JSIL-122 guns and 2 tanks were repeatedly seen in the antitank ditches.

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3. Between 10 and 20 February, training was in the area of the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) less intensive than in January. About 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen in simulated attacks at the former drill ground T-34 tank armored scout car

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4. an apartment building for 40 families was scheduled to be constructed near the officer billets on Thorer Strasse. Work was to start as soon as weather conditions would be favorable.

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5. A tower, about 8 meters high, and 3 small wooden buildings have, for some time, been observed on a hill in the area south of the ammunition depot near Sternhagener See (lake). Imprints of tank tracks were seen at the buildings.

6. On 24 February, the barracks installation west of Berliner Strasse was occupied by an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 300 troops organized in two units had fallen in in the barracks yard on occasion of a ceremony commemorating Red Army Day.

7. On 24 February, the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse was occupied by an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Little training was observed.

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8. Three boarded observation towers, about 6 to 7 meters high, had been erected on the hills near the training area, about 300 meters south of the installation south-east of Berliner Strasse and 150 meters south of Highway No 19.

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9. [] a Russian school was scheduled to be built in the former NCO settlement. Three apartment houses for Soviet families who could not be quartered in the NCO settlement, were scheduled to be constructed in Prenzlau.²

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10. On 19 February, 8 50 to 70-mm AT guns and Soviet troops were loaded on 4 flatcars and 1 boxcar, which left for Biesenthal in the afternoon.³

1. Comment. According to this [] tank details of the 25th Tank Div had been entrained for Templin in late January. []

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2. Field Comment. Prior to late February, the two installations can be carried occupied as previously by units of the 25th Tank Div. []

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3. Comment. Probably 76.2-mm guns turned in at the ordnance depot of the Fourth Gds Mech Army in Biesenthal by the 25th Tank Div.

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